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NORTHERN COMMAND

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Overview

The month of December 2008 brought a 22% increase in crashes as compared to December of last year. This increase in crashes was in all categories of accidents, which include, property, injury, fatal and driving under the influence (DUI) crashes. DUI accidents increased 9% in December and property damage accidents increase the most at 22% compared to this time last year.

The Northern Command officers arrested less intoxicated drivers in DUI related crashes when compared to December of last year and recognized a drop in overall DUI arrests. The average blood alcohol content (BAC) of those individuals arrested for DUI was .18%, which is well over the State's legal limit of .08%BAC. The averaged age of the intoxicated drivers was 34 years old.

There were five fatality accidents this month compared to two this time last year. Two of the deceased were not wearing seatbelts. We will continue to promote the attributes of safe driving along with our increased efforts in traffic enforcement in an attempt to reduce the number of fatality crashes we investigate on our roadways.

Commercial vehicles were involved in 23 accidents in the month of December. This is a slight increase in commercial vehicle accidents compared to last years which was 19.

In the area of traffic enforcement, our officers arrested 213 people this month and issued 5,782 citations. All enforcement activity in the month of December reduced when compared to last year.

The month of December was a successful month for our Command. We recognized three outstanding employees this past month for the following awards:

Ms. Allison Parks – Employee of the Year, 2008

Ms. Amy Halton – Trooper of the Year, 2008

Mr. Rob Stepien – Sergeant of the Year, 2008

NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	Dec 08	Dec 07	% Change	Nov 08	% Change
Total Crashes	480	392	22.4%	328	46.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	347	284	22.2%	226	53.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	128	107	19.6%	99	29.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	5	2	150.0%	3	66.7%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	23	21	9.5%	26	-11.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5	2	150.0%	3	66.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	23	19	21.1%	17	35.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	13	12	8.3%	14	-7.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8	6	33.3%	3	166.7%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	2	1	100.0%	0	200.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.04%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.79%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 80.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.79%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Dec 08		Dec 07	% Change		Nov 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	23		28	-17.9%		26	-11.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	93		129	-27.9%		115	-19.1%
Other Arrests	479		556	-13.8%		522	-8.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	213		254	-16.1%		225	-5.3%
Speed violations	1970		1986	-0.8%		2733	-27.9%
Hazardous moving violations	655		853	-23.2%		806	-18.7%
Occupant restraint violations ##	213		344	-38.1%		352	-39.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	5782		5953	-2.9%		7214	-19.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	36		13	176.9%		51	-29.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	41		7	485.7%		33	24.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	770		131	487.8%		745	3.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	355		249	42.6%		334	6.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1870		1624	15.1%		2126	-12.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	104		78	33.3%		104	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	98		103	-4.9%		92	6.5%
Total school buses inspected	56		114	-50.9%		56	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	86		8	975.0%		86	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	25		904	-97.2%		25	0.0%
Total overweight citations	343		15	2186.7%		343	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	284		327	-13.1%		305	-6.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Dec 2008		Dec 2007	% Change		Nov 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	339,420		175,903	93.0%		375,587	-9.6%
CAD Incidents	17,823		17,242	3.4%		17,965	-0.8%
Telephone Calls	19,223		12,376	55.3%		16,229	18.4%
CAD Logs	146,268		136,303	7.3%		160,343	-8.8%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	514		364	41.2%		347	48.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	220		187	17.6%		216	1.8%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	38		14	171.4%		14	171.4%
Office Accident Reports Taken	11		1	1000.0%		17	-35.2%
Citations Processed	4478		4164	7.5%		5179	-13.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1		1	0.00%		2	-50.0%
Visitors at Counter	154		N/A	N/A%		137	12.4%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$503.70		\$992.00	-49.2%		\$671.00	-24.93%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	753		650	15.8%		973	-22.6%
Warrants Entered	607		180	237.2%		466	30.3%
Warrants Cleared	546		80	582.5%		447	22.1%
Warrants Validated	776		1515	-48.8%		3375	-77.0%
Extradition / Transports	24		25	-4.0%		19	26.3%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.18%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 34years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 2 Contracts using 12 hours, billed in the amount of \$686.90

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
289	8	13	1	4

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
45	348	5	0	2	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- Lecture to a group of students attending a driver's education class at De Monte Ranch High School. Topics such as vehicle familiarization, common accident causing contributing factors, traffic laws, and seat belt safety were some of the highlighted points discussed during the 2 hour presentation to the class.
- Participated along with several Commercial Officers in the Annual Salvation Army "Turkey Drop". Citizens donated food items and money for the needy in our communities were greeted by public safety employees and other volunteers during the 12-hour long event in Reno.
- Participated in the Annual Northern Nevada Food Bank food drive. This event was sponsored by KTVN Channel 2 at a variety of locations in northern Nevada.
- On Saturday, December 13th, officers from all the law enforcement agencies in northern Nevada volunteered their time at the annual "Shop with a Cop" event at K-Mart in Sparks. This event allowed eighty-seven (87) underprivileged girls and boys the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their families. Many officers donated money out of their own pockets for those kids with big wish lists that exceeded the preset amount. The event drew local media coverage. The DPS Association presented the "Shop with a Cop" organization with a check for five-thousand dollars. This donation will help with this year's expenses and will have a positive impact on next year's event.
- Participated in the Annual Salvation Army "Ring the Bell" event at the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club in Reno. Members from several DPS Divisions volunteered their time and helped successfully raise over twelve hundred dollars for needy families in our community.
- Provided media information for the Joining Forces DUI checkpoint in Sparks. 26 uniformed law enforcement personnel from 6 local agencies participated in the 5-hour long administrative road block that netted 4 DUI drivers. Over 1500 vehicles were screened and this event that was funded by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety.
- Trooper Allen will be on military leave through the end of January.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 11 flights during the month of December for a total of 31.8 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
6	21.7	68	Speed Enforcement
2	5.8	18	Prisoner Transport in State
1	2.2	7	Training
1	1.9	6	Property Transport
1	.2	1	Maintenance

The pilot was on leave from the 5th through the 16th. The plane was flown to Tonopah on December 17 to transport a prisoner to Reno on a misdemeanor DUI warrant. On the 18th, a prisoner was transported from Reno to Battle Mountain on a misdemeanor traffic warrant.

On the 31st, the pilot flew to Las Vegas to administer an FAA required Biennial Flight Review (BFR) to the Southern Command pilot.

There were 8 speed enforcement missions scheduled for the month; 6 were flown. Two missions were cancelled due to bad weather. A total of 265 violations were noted during these missions. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	220
Hazardous	6
Non-Hazardous	36
Seat belt	3

During the course of these enforcement missions, 5 motorists were assisted, 1 misdemeanor warrant arrest was made and 1 vehicle impounded. The high speed for the month was a gray Lincoln clocked at 107 mph on I80 at Derby Dam on the second.

Compared to the same period last year, total flight time is up 78% and total activity is up 201%.

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